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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks United States Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231, U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend pages 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 14 and 15 as set forth below.

Page 4, paragraph beginning at line 24 (Amended)

The monoclonal antibodies useful in the method of the present invention include, without limitation, monoclonal antibodies against either Public or Private epitopes of